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NOVEMBER 28, FROM USUN RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5493

PEKING FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: KHMER IN 29TH UNGA: VOTING NOV 27

1. SUMMARY. IN SERIES OF FIVE VOTES NIGHT OF 27-28
NOV, UNGA PLENARY APPROVED FRIENDLY (ASEAN) RESOLUTION
BY NARROW MARGIN. RESOLUTION CALLS FOR TALKS BETWEEN INDIGENOUS
CAMBODIAN PARTIES AND DECIDES TO TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION
UNTIL UN SECRETARY-GENERAL REPORTS ON RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS
TO HELP GET THE TALKS UNDERWAY. WE WON KEY CONTESTS TONIGHT,
BUT WE ARE NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS. WE MUST STILL PREPARE
FOR POSSIBLE HOSTILE EFFORT TO UTILIZE SECOD VOTE ON
REMAINING AMENDMENT TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION TO REOPEN ACTION
ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. WE ALSO MUST CONTINUE PREPARING
TO MEET EFFORT TO FORCE VOTE ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION.
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PRINCIPAL REMAINING CAMBODIAN TOPIC THAT WILL COME BEFORE

CURRENT UNGA WILL BE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (COMITTEE MEETING NOT YET SCHEDULED); IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT GRUNK SUPPORTERS WILL CHALLENGE CREDENTIALS OF GKR REPS. WE WILL BE SENDING ANALYSES OF TONIGHT'S RESULTS, AS WE ARE ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER PROCESS THAT LED TO GRATIFYING RESULTS SO FAR. END SUMMARY.

2. FIVE VOTES WERE TAKEN ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CAMBODIAN ITEM AT GA PLENARY SITTING THAT BEGAN AT 3:00 PM WED 27 NOV AND ENDED ABOUT 12:40 AM THURS 28 NOV. THESE VOTES WERE:

A. ADOPTING THE MOTION TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE ASEAN RESOLUTION OVER THE GRUNK RESOLUTION. VOTE WAS 58(US)-56-20.

B. TOOK NO DECISION ON SAUDI ARABIA AMDNEMENT TO THE ASEAN RESOLUTION STATING (IN HIGHLY PERSONAL BAROODY DRAFTING) THAT "THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE TWO (CAMBODIAN) PARTIES ARE ONLY VALID IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THESE RIGHTS EMANATE FROM THE SOVEREIGN PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA AS A WHOLE." VOTE WAS 51(US)-51-31; IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RULES OF PROCEDURE, THIS VOTE MUST BE TAKEN AGAIN WITHIN 48 HOURS AND WILL IN FACT BE TAKEN AS FIRTST ORDER OF BUSINESS FRI 29 NOV. (BY WAY OF CLARIFICATION, WE AND ASEAN'S VOTED FOR BAROODY AMENDMENT BECAUSE WE WERE SUPPORTING HIS AMENDMENTS AS A WHOLE; APART FROM ABOVE-QUOTED PARA, THESE WERE HELPFUL.)

C. APPROVED A THAILAND SUB-AMENDMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA'S OTHER AMENDMENTS. THAI AMENDMENT READS "DECIDES NOT (RPT NOT) TO PRESS FOR ANY FURTHER ACTION UNTIL MEMBER STATES HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (ON THE TALKS BETWEEN THE INDIGENOUS CAMBODIAN PARTIES.) VOTE WAS 54(US)-53-27.

D. DEFEATED AN UNHELPFUL IRAQI MOTION TO ADJOURN (COMMENT: IRAQ AND GRUNK SUPPORTERS SAW THAT EVENING WAS GOING AGAINST THEM.) VOTE WAS 54-58(US)-21.

E. APPROVED REVISED
ASEAN RESOLUTION (INCLUDING ALL
SAUDI ARABIA AMENDMENTS EXCEPT FOR REMAINING TIE-VOTE
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AMENDMENT NOTED SUB-PARA B ABOVE). VOTE WAS
56(US)-54-24. SCALI UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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